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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the official action mailed 9/17/02, a restriction requirement was issued. It is asserted that claims 1-12 and 26-29 of Group I are drawn to a system, which is a distinct invention from that of claims 13-25 of Group II, which are drawn to a method.

Although Applicant does not concur with the restriction, Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to the system claims 1-12 and 26-29. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the method claims at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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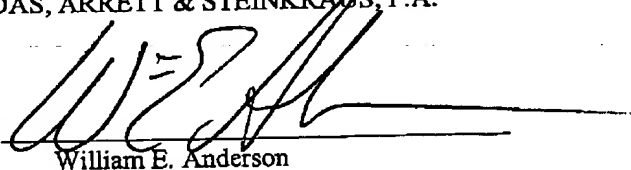
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